

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 28 – 48 are pending. Claim 46 is amended. Claims 47 – 48 are new.

Claims 28 – 45 stand rejected under the doctrine of obviousness type double patenting. Although not specifically stated in the Office Action, Applicant understands the double-patenting rejected to relate to his U.S. Patent No. 6, 668, 822. A terminal disclaimer is enclosed which obvious the double-patenting rejection. Thus, Claims 28 – 45 are believed allowable.

Claim 46 has been rejected as being anticipated by U.S. 2,534,568 (Bedini). Claim 46, as amended, recites that submersion of the splash guard causes the sliding member to slide into contact with the cup member such that the opening in the cup member is positioned within the sliding member. As this feature is neither taught by, nor fairly suggestion from, the Bedini reference, allowance of this claim is respectfully submitted. Claims 47 and 48, which are dependent from Claim 47, are likewise allowable.

Respectfully submitted,

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